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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO AND SY/CC; ANKARA FOR RSO;

FRANKFURT FOR RSS; IZMIR FOR PSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, TU

SUBJECT: INCIDENT DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL:

ISTANBUL

1. ON 9 OCTOBER AT APPROXIMATELY 0010 HOURS A SMALL INCENDIARY TYPE DEVICE WAS THROWN THROUGH THE FRONT WINDOW OF AN APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY TWO MILITARY PERSONNEL. THESE PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED TO CAKMAKLI BUT LIVE OFF BASE. THE APARTMENT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE TWO PERSONNEL WHO LIVE THERE AND THREE GUESTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND ONLY MINOR FIRE DAMAGE.

2. THE PERSONNEL SAW SOME SORT OF LIGHT OUTSIDE, THINKING IT WAS PERHAPS A FLASHLIGHT, BUT DID NOT CONSIDER IT SIGNIFICANT AT THE TIME. THE DEVICE WAS TOSSED INTO THE ROOM THROUGH WINDOW; ALL PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY EXITED APARTMENT THROUGH BACK DOOR. THE DEVICE DID NOT EXPLODE AND A SMALL FIRE THEN OCCURRED.

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3. LOCAL POLICE WERE INFORMED AND ARE INVESTIGATING. TWO PERSONNEL WENT TO POLICE STATION TO GIVE STATEMENTS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING WITH NO SUSPECTS AND NO ONE HAVING CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK.

4. THESE PERSONNEL WEAR MILITARY UNIFORMS THEREBY PROVIDING

EASY IDENTIFICATION OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR APARTMENT AS U.S. MILITARY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LIVING IN THE SAME AREA. AT THIS TIME, IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER THIS MAY BE AN ISOLATED ANTI-U.S. INCIDENT OR PERHAPS A RESULT OF THE DISSIDENT ANTI-NATO WEEK CAMPAIGN WHICH SUPPOSEDLY ENDED ABOUT A WEEK AGO. WHATEVER THE UNDERLYING REASON FOR THE ATTACK, RSO FEELS IT OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE VISIBILITY OF THESE PERSONNEL. AS A CONSEQUENCE, ALL U.S. MILITARY HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES OFF BASE.

5. OSI AND RSO ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM POLICE AND WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS WHEN THEY BECOME KNOWN.

6. PER THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH, WITH THIS INCIDENT ADDED TO THE SEVERAL OTHER RECENT INCIDENTS, SUCH AS DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE CONSULATE AND U.S. FLAG BURNINGS (ISTANBUL'S 3301), CONSULATE GENERAL REQUESTS EXPEDITIOUS FUNDING FOR PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED FOR ISTANBUL. ALSO, IF LEXAN SHIPMENT FOR IZMIR WAS DELAYED DUE TO DOCK STRIKE, PERHAPS IT COULD BE RETRIEVED AND SENT AIRFREIGHT DIRECTLY TO IZMIR AS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED.
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